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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2021-0005]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for a new information collection, which is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by July 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 2021-0005 by any of the following methods:

Website: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susanna Hughes Reck, Office of Infrastructure, HISM-20, ((202) 366-1548 Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Biennial Performance Reporting for the TPM Program.

Background: The MAP-21 (Pub. L. 112-141) and FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-94) transformed the Federal-aid highway program by establishing new requirements for transportation performance management (TPM) to ensure the most efficient investment of Federal transportation funds. Prior to MAP-21, there were no explicit requirements for State DOTs to demonstrate how their transportation program supported national performance outcomes. State DOTs were not required to measure condition or performance, establish targets, assess progress toward targets, or report on condition or performance in a nationally consistent manner that FHWA could use to assess the entire system. It has been difficult for FHWA to examine the effectiveness of the Federal-aid highway program as a means to address surface transportation performance at a national level without States reporting on the above factors. The new TPM requirements, as established by MAP-21 and FAST Act, change this paradigm and require states to measure condition or performance, establish targets, assess progress towards targets and report on condition or performance.

State DOTs now must submit biennial performance reports (23 U.S.C. 150(e) and 23 CFR 490.107). The information being requested in the TPM Biennial Reports has been provided to the DOT in an electronic format through an online data form called the Performance Management Form (PMF). State DOTs have successfully submitted the required biennial reports in October 2018 and 2020. Alternative formats will be made available where necessary. As part of the rulemaking¹ implementing the MAP-21 and FAST Act requirements, FHWA evaluated all of the Biennial Reporting requirements in the individual regulatory impact assessments (RIA) and determined the following:

Respondents: 52 State DOTs, including Washington DC and Puerto Rico.

Frequency: Biennially.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 2,128 hours

¹ 2nd National Performance Management Measures Rule (PM2): Assessing Pavement Condition for National Highway Performance Program and Bridge Condition for National Highway Performance Program; Assessing Performance of National Highway System, etc. (RIN: 2125-AF53) <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2017-01-18/pdf/2017-00550.pdf>.

3rd National Performance Management Measures Rule (PM3): Assessing Performance of National Highway System, Freight Movement on Interstate System, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (RIN 2125-AF54) <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2017-01-18/pdf/2017-00681.pdf>.

annually for an individual State DOT to compile, organize, and submit the report to FHWA.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Approximately 110,656 hours annually.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (2) ways that the burden could be minimized, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Agency Information Collection

Activity: Application for Fee or Roster Personnel Designation

AGENCY: Veteran Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veteran Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to